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HOUSE BILL No. 251.]

[SES. 1862-'63.

Introduced by Mr. PEEBLES, of Northampton.

W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

A BILL BY WHICH FREE PERSONS OF COLOR
MAY ENSLAVE THEMSELVES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the*
2 *State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the*
3 *authority of the same,* That all free persons of color over
4 twenty-one years of age, married or unmarried, possess-
5 ing a sound and contracting mind, shall have full right,
6 power and authority to enslave themselves to any white
7 citizen of this State, in the same manner, and under the
8 same rules and regulations as are now prescribed by law
9 for the conveyance of real estate by *feme covert*s.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all free persons of
2 color thus enslaving themselves, shall be forever thereaf-
3 ter regarded in law and equity, as negro slaves to all in-
4 tents and purposes.

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